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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the application of

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Group Art Unit: 1644

Serial Number: 08/817,704

Examiner: G. Ewoldt

Filed: August 25, 1997

Atty. Docket No. P108214-7002

For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 22, 2002

Sir:

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for three months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 25, 2002 from April 25, 2002 to July 25, 2002. Attached is our check in the amount of \$920.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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